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### 1. FORD NEWS CONFERENCE/KOREA

IN REPLY TO QUESTION WEDNESDAY WHETHER US WOULD CONSIDER USING NUKES IF NK INVADES SK, PRES REPLIED FOR ABOUT YEAR AND A HALF OUR POLICY HAS BEEN THAT WE HAVE "STRONG FORCES, BOTH STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL...(WHICH) WOULD BE USED IN OUR OWN NATIONAL INTEREST." NYDN REPORT (HEALY/WIEGHART) HEADLINES PAGE 2 STORY: "FORD RATTLES A-WARNING AT NORTH KOREA"; PHINQ BANNERS 2-COLUMN PAGE ONE REPORT: "FORD WON'T BAR ATOMIC 1ST ATTACK"; NYT: "MIGHT OF US DETERRENT FORCE IN SOUTH KOREA IS CITED BY FORD." NYT CARRIES TRANSCRIPT.

WP'S KILPATRICK NOTES NUKE STRATEGY QUESTIONS WERE DIRECTED TOWARD KOREA, AND PRES ANSWERS WERE CLEARLY DESIGNED KEEP UNCLASSIFIED

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NK GUESSING. NOTES FORD SAID INAPPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS PUBLICLY WHAT USE MIGHT BE MADE OF TACTICAL OR STRATEGIC NUKES, THAT THIS IS MATTER FOR DETERMINATION IF AND WHEN THERE ARE ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR US NATIONAL INTEREST. NOTING

NUCLEAR ISSUES DOMINATED FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS OF NEWS CONFERENCE, SUN'S TREWHITT FEELSPRES' TREATMENT OF TACTICAL NUKES AMOUNTED TO ENDORSEMENT OF POLICIES RECENTLY SET OUT BY SECDEF.

WSJ'S GANNON SUGGESTS THAT TAKEN TOGETHER, FORD/SCHLES-INGER COMMENTS PROBABLY ARE INTENDED DETER NK MIL ACTION AT TIME WHEN SOME EXPERTS BELIEVE PYONGYANG CONTEMPLATING HOSTILITIES AGAINST SOUTH.

NYT DISPATCH NOTES PRES HAS CONSISTENTLY STRESSED US COMMITMENT TO SK AND MET WITH VISITING SK OFFICIALS WEDNESDAY TO REAFFIRM COMMITMENT.

## 2. KOREA

PRES PARK WARNED NK COMMUNISTS 6/25 THEY WILL BE DESTROYED IF THEY ATTEMPT INVADE SOUTH; IN SPEECH MARKING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OUTBREAK KOREAN WAR, APPEALED TO NORTH TO SIGN NONAGGRESSION PACT WITH ROKG. NK CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY ACCUSES US, SK, WITH STAGING PROVOCATIVE EXERCISES TO WHIP UP WAR ATMOSPHERE (UPI PHINQ, NYDN).

SUN'S ISAACS, IN HK, SAYS NK STATEMENT APPEARS LIKELY ACCENTUATE WAR JITTERS IN KOREA. CITES PEOPLE'S DAILY AND LIBERATION ARMY DAILY EDITORIALS DECLARING PEKING'S SUPPORT FOR KOREAN PEOPLE'S "JUST STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION" OF PENINSULA; OBSERVES KEY WORD SEEMS "PEACEFUL"--SUGGESTING PRC IS NOT ENCOURAGING ANY ATTEMPT TO END KOREA DIVISION BY FORCE

## 3. INDOCHINA

PL WARNS SHUT DOWN AID MISSION BY MONDAY OR "FACE THE RESPONSIBILITY" FOR WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. EMBASSY SAYS USAID OFFICIALS WILL DEPART BY THEN, OUT TRANSFER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPERTY TO LAOTIAN GOVT WILL NOT BE COMPLETED; LAOTIAN OFFICIALS APPEAR DELAYING NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL PL LEADERS MEETING IN NE LAOS HEARD FROM(WP).EMBASSY SEES FURTHER AID TO LAOS, FUTURE RELATIONS, DEPENDENT ON EQUITABLE SOLUTION USAID PROPERTY TURNOVER, REMOVAL OTHER PROPERTY AND EMPLOYEES' PERSONAL EFFECTS. BUT HIGH PL FIGURES HAVE BEEN AT PL HQ IN NORTH LAOS SEVERAL WEEKS, AND GOVT OFFICIALS LEFT IN CHARGE DECLINE MAKE DECISIONS (KAMM, NYT - IN USIA READING FILE).

MFA DENIES CHARGES US VIENTIANE COMMUNITY BEING HARASSED. CROWD OF 3000 DEMANDS REMOVAL APPOINTED OFFICIALS IN EAST VIENTIANE DISTRICT; SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS PRECEDED PL TAKEOVER IN OTHER TOWNS (WP). LAOTIAN GOVT ANNOUNCES

INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT GENL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED JULY 10  
BECAUSE OF "POLITICAL SITUATION" (REUTER, VIENTIANE).

SAIGON RADIO TENDS CONFIRM REPORTS OF FIGHTING BY ARVN  
REMNANTS 20 MI NORTH OF SAIGON. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER SAYS  
51 ACRES THIEU HAD "STOLEN" NEAR SAIGON WERE DISTRIBUTED  
TO LOCAL PEASANTS (WP). DANANG HAS CHANGED FROM NOISY,  
BUSTLING CITY TO QUIET, CLEAN PROVINCIAL TOWN. MANY  
PEOPLE RETURNED TO VILLAGES, OTHERS LEFT CITY TO HELP  
RECONSTRUCT COUNTRYSIDE, AT PEOPLE'S REV COMMITTEE  
PROMPTING. CITY ORGANIZED INTO 10-HOUSEHOLD CELLS THAT  
HELP ROUND UP FORMER SOLDIERS, ELIMINATE THEFT, BURGLARY  
(REUTER, WP).

LOCKHEED HIT BY 1.5 BILLION DOL SUIT IN CONNECTION WITH  
C-5 CRASH EVACUATING ORPHANS FROM SAIGON IN APR. CLASS  
ACTION BY RELATIVES OF KILLED CHARGEY COMPANY NEGLIGENCE  
FOR SELLING DANGEROUS, DEFECTIVE PLANE THAT LACKED ADE-  
QUATE SAFETY DEVICES (VAUGHAN, NYDN).

RESCUE OF MAYAGUEZ, CREW, COST US 9.5 MILLION DOLS,  
ACCORDING DOD, INCLUDING COPTERS LOST WORTH 6.3 MILLION  
(WP).

#### 4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

SEN MORGAN, WHO VISITED EGLIN SHORTLY AFTER CRITICAL  
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KENNEDY SUBCOMM REPORT, LAUDS REFUGEE CAMP CONDITIONS,  
SAYS ONLY DRAWBACK IS LACK OF SPONSORS (BEALE, WSTAR  
6/25). TENT CITY ON GUAM BEING PULLED DOWN, WITH  
RESIDENTS MOVED TO PERMANENT BLDGS (WP). NYT'S  
WOOTEN DOES HUMAN-INTEREST PIECE ON REFUGEE FAMILY  
CAUGHT BETWEEN 2 SPONSORS IN FLA. ADOPTED "ORPHAN"  
MAY BE GIVEN UP BY SF WOMAN WHO DISCOVERED 6-YR-OLD  
HAS PARENTS IN VN (NYT).

NEW SVN REGIME DECIDES ACCEPT ALL REFUGEES NOW IN US  
WHO WANT RETURN, ACCORDING LAT (REUTER).

#### 5. THAILAND

RTG REPORTS 2ND CLASH IN 2 DAYS WITH CAMBODIAN TROOPS  
NEAR BORDER. OFFICIAL SAYS KR TROOPS APPARENTLY ON  
EXPEDITIONS TO FORAGE FOOD; OTHERS SAY KR UNIT HAD  
CROSSED BORDER, PLANTED MINE IN AREA USED BY REFUGEES  
TO ESCAPE FROM CAMBODIA. REPORTS OF CASUALTIES VARY  
(WP).

US PULLS OUT OF UBON AB IN NE THAILAND, LEAVING 4  
ACTIVE USAF BASES (REUTER, BANGKOK).

6. JAPAN

ASST SECSTATE ENDERS ARRIVES TOKYO FOR 3-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT; PLANS EXCHANGE VIEWS ON OIL, OTHER ENERGY PROBLEMS (WP).

CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS MIKI SEEMS READY MAKE CONCESSIONS AVERTING MORE PUBLIC WORKER STRIKES, PROMISING "SINCERE REVIEW" OF SITUATION, POSSIBLY ALLOWING CIVIL SERVANT STRIKE ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ILO VIEWS.

BANK OF JAPAN BUYS 700 MIL DOLS, ATTEMPTING STABILIZE YEN EXCHANGE RATE, NOW AT WEAKEST AGAINST DOLLAR FOR PAST 4 MONTHS. FALLING EXPORTS, OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS DEADLINE RAPIDLY APPROACHING CITED AS REASONS FOR CURRENT WEAKNESS (JOC).

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MITI FIGURES SHOW 3RD SUCCESSIVE MONTHLY PRODUCTION INCREASE IN MAY, BUT OTHER FIGURES PUBLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY CONTRADICT IMPRESSION THAT JAPAN'S ECONOMY RECOVERING FROM PROLONGED RECESSION. LOW CONSUMER DEMAND, HIGH SAVINGS PARTIALLY ACCOUNT FOR ECONOMIC LAG (JOC).

THURSDAY REPORTS INDICATE JAPAN "SHOCKED" AT INT'L WHALING COMMISSION ACCORD LIMITING NEXT SEASON'S FIN WHALE QUOTA TO ONESIXTH PREVIOUS SEASON'S LEVEL; YET, COMPROMISE AGREEMENT EXPECTED PASS 6/27 (REUTER, TOKYO).

JAPAN'S NAT'L POLICE AGENCY DECLARES WAR ON "BOSO-ZOKY" HOT RODDER CLANS TERRORIZING CITY STREETS. ARMED WITH TWO-BY-FOURS AND MOLOTOV COCKTAILS, CLANS SEEK OUT RIVAL GROUPS, DEVASTATING NEIGHBORHOODS IN PROCESS (YATES, CHITRIB).

POLICE REPORT RAINSTORMS LASH SOUTHERN AND WESTERN JAPAN 6/25, KILLING 1, FLOODING OVER 2600 HOMES (AP, WP).

7. MALAYSIA

ANDERSON (NYT) REPORTS DATO HARUN IDRIS, POWERFUL 50-YEAR-OLD MALAYSIAN POLITICIAN, PUT UP 2.5 MIL DOL PROMOTING ALI-BUGNER FIGHT NEXT WEEK. ASKED ABOUT SOURCE HARUN'S PERSONAL WEALTH, GOVT INFO OFFICER STATED, "WE ARE NOT VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT."

8. INDONESIA

GOI ANNOUNCES STATE-OWNED PERTAMINA OIL CO MUST  
TRANSFER ALL INCOME TO STATE, AFTER FOREIGN-EXCHANGE  
EARNINGS DROP, DUE TO PERTAMINA'S NONPAYMENT FULL  
REVENUE AMOUNT DUE GOVT (NYT).

9. PHILIPPINES

MANILA SET AS 3RD ALI-FRAZIER MATCH SITE TO BE HELD  
OCT THIS YEAR (O'DAY, NYDN).  
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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

CSM WONDERS ABOUT WORLD'S SILENCE ON PLIGHT OF CAMBODIAN  
PEOPLE, QUOTES FREEDOM HOUSE COMPARISON WITH SILENCE  
BEFORE WORLD OPINION AROUSED TO NAZI EXTERMINATION PO-  
GRAMS. NO ONE OUTSIDE CAMBODIA KNOWS TRUE DIMENSIONS OF  
TRAGEDY, REPORTED EXECUTIONS. SUPPORTS FREEDOM HOUSE'S  
REQUEST THAT ICRC, UNHCR OBSERVE SITUATION (IN USIA  
READING FILE).

NYDN QUOTES SECSTATE ON TERRIBLE TOLL IN CAMBODIA, SAYS  
PATTERN OF MASS SLAUGHTER OCCURS SO OFTEN AFTER COMMUNIST  
TAKEOVERS THAT TAKEN FOR GRANTED. OPINES SILENCE OF  
LIBERAL HYPOCRITES WHO PROFESS STAND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
EVERYWHERE JUST AS PREDICTABLE.

HARRIS POLL INDICATES AMERICANS OPPOSE VIET REFUGEE IMMI-  
GRATION 49-37 PCT, WITH MAJORITY BELIEVING IMMIGRANTS WILL  
TAKE JOBS AWAY FROM AMERICANS. OPPOSITION MAINLY FROM  
SKILLED WORKERS, THOSE WITH LEAST FORMAL EDUCATION WHO  
HARDEST HIT BY UNEMPLOYMENT; IMMIGRATION SUPPORTERS ARE  
BETTER-EDUCATED, MORE AFFLUENT GROUPS WHO IN PAST WERE  
LEAST SYMPATHETIC TO WAR, OPPOSED MORE MIL AID TO SVN  
DURING WAR'S FINAL STAGES. PRES GETS 53-42 PCT NEGATIVE  
RATING ON HANDLING REFUGEE PROBLEM (CHITRIB; PHINQ).

11. KOREA

IN SENATE SPEECH ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY KOREAN WAR, FONG  
WARNS SIZABLE US WITHDRAWAL FROM SK COULD LEAD TO NEW  
NK INVASION, THREATEN JAPAN, OTHER WEST PACIFIC DEMOCRACY  
STRONGHOLDS. VIEWS ECHOED BY THURMOND, MORGAN (AP, WP).  
AT AMB HAHM RECEPTION 6/25 HONORING KOREAN WAR VETERANS  
IN CONGRESS, SEN SCOTT (PA) SAID DESPITE SOME SENATORIAL  
OBJECTIONS ON GOING TO SK AID IF INVADED AGAIN, US WOULD  
LIVE UP TO TREATY. SEN MORGAN SUGGESTED US WOULD NOT  
ONLY LIVE UP TO AGREEMENT, BUT WOULD FIGHT TO WIN RATHER  
THAN PURSUING LIMITED WAR (BEALE, WSTAR 6/25).  
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KRAFT (SUN, WP) STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF SK, JAPAN, PRC IN US ASIA POLICY, BUT WITH MAINTENANCE OF THESE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS DEPENDING ON SK STABILITY, PARK REGIME IS LIABILTY. IN SK, US NEEDS DEVELOP TACTIC FOR MANAGING OPENINGS TO LEFT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

AP'S RYAN SUGGESTS, AT THIS PARTICULAR STAGE, SHOULD THERE BE MAJOR CLASH BETWEEN KOREAS, PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO BE LAUNCHED BY EITHER NK OR SK ON ITS OWN; FOR SOVIET, PRC AND US EACH HAS STRONG REASONS WANTING AVOID NEW WAR (BALT NA 6/25).

NYT'S HALLORAN, AT TONGDUCHON, DISCUSSES CONDITION OF US GI'S IN KOREA. FINDS MORALE GOOD, THOUGH SOME IN SEOUL VOICE SKEPTICISM ABOUT FIGHTING FOR GOVT THAT SUPPRESSES OWN PEOPLE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SOUTHERLAND (CSM), ON DMZ, SAYS US MIL OFFICERS AGREE THERE MAY BE MORE NK-DUG TUNNELS, AND COMMUNISTS HAVE MOVED HEAVY GUNS, AIRFIELDS, CLOSER TO LINE. BUT US OFFICIALS CONSIDER FRONTAL ATTACK MOST UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

#### 12. THAILAND

EVANS/NOVAK (WP) BELIEVE THAIS WILLING ENTER COMMUNIST SPHERE OF INFLUENCE IN EXCHANGE FOR NON-COMMUNIST INDEPENDENCE, CREATING "SEMI-DOMINO EFFECT." ALREADY INFLAMED US-THAI RELATIONS SEEN FURTHER AGGRAVATED OVER QUESTION 8000 MEO TRIBESMEN REFUGEES, AS THAIS FEAR MEO PRESENCE MAY ANTAGONIZE "INDOCHINA'S NEW COMMUNIST MASTERS" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

#### 13. CHINA

SUN'S WU, IN PEKING, DISCUSSES PRC EDUCATION ISSUE, WHICH CENTERS ON SUCH FUNDAMENTALS AS WHO TO EDUCATE OBJECT OF EDUCATION AND HOW INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHOULD BE RUN.

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REUTER'S GRIFFITHS, IN PEKING, SAYS FOR FIRST TIME, EXISTENCE OF UNDERGROUND MOTOR ROADS, LONG RUMORED LYING BENEATH CAPITAL, HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED, PART OF VAST NETWORK OF NUCLEAR BOMB SHELTERS AND TUNNELS.

#### 14. PHILIPPINES

SUNDERLAND (NYDN) SEES INDOCHINA FALL SPEEDING PHIL  
NATIONALIST MOVEMENT. MARCOS' POWER APPEARS FIRM, WITH  
NO OPPOSITION STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERTHROW HIM. BELIEVES  
GROWING NATIONALISM EVENTUALLY AFFECTING US INFLUENCE  
THERE MAY ALSO BE "KEY TO RETURNING DEMOCRACY"  
TO PHILS.

GQTM GENERAL

HARSCH (CSM) NOTES DUST SETTLING IN ASIA WITH US  
EXODUS FROM INDOCHINA. CALLS CONTINUATION OF US-LAO  
RELATIONS "CURIOSITY," SEES KR WARNINGS OF NO FOREIGN  
BASES AIMED AT NVN. BELIEVES MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE DUE  
TO CAMBODIA'S SUSPICION OF FOREIGNERS. SAYS EVENTS  
CONFIRM THAT US WITHDRAWAL MAKES AREA OBJECT RIVALRY  
BETWEEN MOSCOW, PEKING (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

BRINES (CSM) SEES NEW, UNCERTAIN ERA STARTING WITH  
WITHDRAWAL US MIL POWER FROM THAILAND. ASIAN LEADERS  
RECOGNIZE NOW AT MERCY OF PRC, VN IN SEA. PEKING MAY BE  
RESTRAINED SINCE VN WAR PROVED VALUE OF SUBTERFUGE,  
WHILE HANOI MAY BE IMMOBILIZED BY REHABILITATION TASK.  
INSURGENT BANDS, URBAN RADICALS, WILL CREATE POSSIBLY  
WIDESPREAD TURMOIL. IMMEDIATE DANGER IS THAT COMMUNISTS  
WILL EMBROIL THAILAND IN VN-TYPE WAR BY USING LAOS,  
CAMBODIA INTENSIFY GUERRILLA WARS IN NORTH THAILAND  
(IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). KISSINGER

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